

Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes  
City of Mount Vernon  
March 18, 2014 - City Hall

The Mount Vernon Parks and Recreation Board met on March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Scott Rose, Mike Cranston, Jason Weaver, Kelli Chapman and Lori Boren. Also in attendance: Parks and Recreation Director, Matt Siders.

1. Approval of the Agenda. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Weaver to approve agenda. Carried all.
2. Approval of the Minutes from February 4, 2014 meeting. Motion made by Boren, seconded by Cranston to approve minutes. Carried all.
3. Open Forum: Each citizen is limited to 5 minutes.
4. Directors Report – February 2014. The current water well in Bryant Park is down and the City is needing to create a new well. With that said, the proposed new well is going to go right in the middle of Bryant Park. It doesn't impact the Parks & Rec soccer fields but it does impact the park because it is in the middle. It is the same type of well head that is at Elliott Park by Field A and no longer creates open space at Bryant Park. This was the most cost effective location. Rose asked about safety. Siders said from a safety standpoint, its fine where it is if the soccer fields stay where they are. The target date for installation is next fall as to not impact any programs.

Swim lesson dates have been finalized, both sign up and actual lesson dates. There were 25 participants for Princess Tea Time. The high school girls that helped with this were Riley Clark, Jenny Dandenger, Lucy Conroy and Makayla Hartl. More litter bags have been ordered for the dog park.

5. Discussion regarding Master Parks Plan. Siders gave an update on the progress of the Master Parks Plan. Boren said that our plan is looking great in comparison with other communities. Siders said that Council will need to be kept up to date on how the board is progressing with the plan. Rose would like to see more community input and Boren suggested an online survey. Siders said the only problem he could see with this is that the Comprehensive Plan Committee will be doing a survey as well. Siders suggested having a "community forum", where people have an opportunity to come in and weigh in on the parks system. Everyone agreed that this would be a good idea. Rose and Siders will attend the April 21<sup>st</sup> Council meeting to give an update to Council members. A date will also

be scheduled for a “community forum”. Siders will send out the current plan to all board members for review prior to the next meeting where they will look at everything in more detail.

6. Subcommittee reports (Parks, Capital, Pool, Programming, and Volunteer). Programming is moving forward and the pool committee will be meeting soon.
7. Old Business. Rose gave an update on Chalk the Walk. Rose would like to discuss the re-roofing of the gazebo at Memorial Park.
8. New Business. Siders will possibly have an un-paid intern for the month of May and will be attending an IPRA conference.
9. Motion made by Cranston, seconded by Weaver to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Marsha Dewell, Administrative Assistant.